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# Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Office Hours - Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm



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**Deacon:** Dcn. David Langley



## Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)

10:00 am, 12:00 pm

2:00 pm St. Philip of Jesus Mission (Migrant Workers  
in Spanish)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

### MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

At least one year's notice is needed and do not book  
venues until the first meeting with the priest.

### HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to  
have communion brought to them or would like the  
Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be  
included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

### PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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### MINISTERS

**Youth Minister:**

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### PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

Catholic Moms Group

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Faith and Fellowship

Knights of Columbus

LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

Nossa Senhora de Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

Santissima Trinitade & Espirito Santo

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

### NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite  
you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or  
at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

# WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, January 13, 7:00PM

+Frank Cota +Maria Pereira +Maria Esperanca Espinola

## TUESDAY, January 14, 9:00AM

+Olga Taylor & Ann Moreland +All Souls in Purgatory

## WEDNESDAY, January 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena & Vincenzo De Girolamo

+Joseph & Wladyslawa Balon +Samantha Diogo

## THURSDAY, January 16, 9:00AM

+Rafael Chavez & Delia Mendez

## FRIDAY, January 17, 7:00PM

+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa

## SATURDAY, January 18, 9:00AM

\*ProPopulo

## SATURDAY, January 18, 5:00PM

+Manuel da Silva +Abilio Soares & Abilio de Sousa Soares +Matthew Talarico +Joao Veloso +Manuel Rodrigues +Manuel Nuno Rodrigues & John Faria +Joao Balugas +John Park +David Harrison & Brian Robinson +Katerina & Rudolf Spek

## SUNDAY, January 19, 8:00PM

+Arlindo Araujo

## SUNDAY, January 19, 10:00AM

+Michael Joseph De Freitas +Jan & Klara Kozek

## SUNDAY, January 19, 12:00pm

\*ProPopulo

## SUNDAY, January 19, 2:00pm

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) \*ProPopulo



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

### MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN

Requiem Mass will be held at the church on the first Friday of the month at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office

### 2025 OFFERTORY BOXES READY

**2025 Offertory Boxes will be available for pick up once again in the front foyer! If you do not find your box, please contact the parish office.**

#### NOTE TO ALL USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

We kindly ask that you please complete the full name and address on each envelope for every offering, to ensure proper allocation of funds for tax purposes. If you are new to our parish community, and would like to register with our parish, or would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

# REFLECTION

*“As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”*

*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”” [Luke 3.15-16, 21-22](#)*

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus' life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it's important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John's baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First of all, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus' true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,” spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus' baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an “epiphany,” a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus' incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus' baptism was a way of Him “baptizing” the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism.

Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus' baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus' baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

*My Catholic Life! 2024*

## Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope Holy Doors 2025

*"In the course of the year," Pope Francis had written, "every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to their efficacy."*

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For more information on the Jubilee and a list of Holy Door locations, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

## BLESSING OF THE THROATS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise there will be the Blessing of the Throats on Monday February 3, 2025, after the 7:00pm Mass.

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY- February 9, 2025, At 2:30PM -St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Registration is open and can be accessed online.

Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) January 31, 2025, is the last day to register. Reserved seating is limited so please register early. All other seating is on a first come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15pm.

*Lord, I thank You for Your humble act of baptism by which You opened the Heavens to all who are sinners. May I open my heart to the unfathomable grace of my own baptism each and every day and more fully live with You as a child of the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.*



Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Please help us reach our goal!

## VOCATIONS

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!!

Thank you to all who have registered to receive the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for the spring of 2025. As of November 30, 2024, the registration process for the Sacraments is now closed and we are able to move into the next stages of the planning process based on our number of registrations. For all those who have not registered for the 2025 Sacramental season, we look forward to celebrating these Sacraments with you next year. Be sure to visit our website and Online bulletin for future communication regarding the registration process for next year.

***"Let us do all things with the conviction that God dwells in us."*** – St Ignatius of Antioch

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall  
**Next Edge Night: January 24 – Beach Resort**

## LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

**Next Lifeteen Night is: January 17 – No Strings Attached**

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